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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) The corpectomy device of claim 41, wherein said locking clip includes at least one depression and said second member includes at least one ridge engagable in said at least one depression for locking said first member and said second member in a relative position with respect to one another.

3. (Amended) The corpectomy device of claim 41, wherein said locking clip and said second member include interengaging threads for locking said first member and said second member in a relative axial position with respect to one another.

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